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1. THE "FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING ON THE TOKYO ROUND"
AGREED TO ON JULY 13 INCLUDES A SECTION ON RULES OF ORI-
GIN. THROUGH DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA DURING THE WEEKS OF
JULY 3 AND JULY 10 THE ISSUE OF EC/EFTA RULES OF ORIGIN
WAS PURSUED BY MTN DEL WITH EC COMMISSION, INCLUDING DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH THEIR TECHNICAL EXPERT (KNUDSEN). AS RE-
SULT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS THERE HAS BEEN AGREEMENT TO
ESTABLISH A STUDY GROUP TO EXPLORE THE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS
ARISING FROM THE ORIGIN RULES.

2. TO GET PLANNING UNDERWAY BEFORE THE EC ADJOURNS FOR
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ITS SUMMER BREAK, UNDER MY INSTRUCTIONS NEWKIRK HAS BE-
GUN DISCUSSING WITH HEM A WORK PROGRAM FOR SEPTEMBER.
WE ARE PUSHING FOR AN AGGRESSIVE WORK SCHEDULE THAT WILL
REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCED TECHNICAL ANALYSIS BY
WASHINGTON AGENCIES. WE BELIEVE THIS GROUP SHOULD EX-
AMINE BOTH LONG-RUN AND SHORT-RUN OBJECTIVES. FOR THE
LONG-RUN WE SHOULD EXAMINE WHAT SORT OF SOLUTION WE

SHOULD SEEK E.G. AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD ORIGIN RULE, DIFFERENT RULES FOR DIFFERENT SYSTEMS, HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL SYSTEMS. IN THE SHORT-TERM, WE SHOULD DEAL WITH SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. IN THIS REGARD, TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS OF THESE PROBLEMS WE WILL NEED STAFF WORK ON, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING AREAS: (A) DOCUMENT SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY OUR TEXTILE EXPORTS, (B) AN ANALYSIS OF WHETHER THE PROPOSED EC ACTION COVERING ITEMS FALLING IN CCCN CHAPTERS 84-92 SOLVE THE DIFFICULTIES OUR EXPORTERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED IN THE PAST, (C) ANY OTHER SPECIFIC PRODUCT DIFFICULTIES IN SUCH AREAS AS CHEMICALS, AND (D) ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES THAT COULD EASE THE POTENTIAL ONEROUS BURDEN OF THE RESTRICTIVE ORIGIN RULES. WE SHOULD AIM FOR A NOV. 1 REPORT THAT DEALS WITH BOTH LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM POSSIBILITIES.

3. IN LIGHT OF THE AGREEMENT TO SET UP A STUDY GROUP, REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAME OF THE WASHINGTON STAFF PARTICIPANTS TO BE DESIGNATED TO THIS STUDY GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE SHOULD PLAN FOR THE STAFF GROUP AND THE NEGOTIATORS TO MEET TOGETHER BEFORE SEPTEMBER FOR A COORDINATING SESSION OF THE U.S. SIDE. MCDONALD

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